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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF SENATOR STOBBE

REF: BERLIN 1261, STATE 143479

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS, DIETRICH STOBBE, PLANS TO VISIT THE US WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AND DEPART FOR NEW YORK WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26, TO OBSERVE UNGA DISCUSSION ON FRG/GDR ENTRY.

2. AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, STOBBE HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL, AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WORKING ON GERMAN AFFAIRS. HE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH NSC STAFF AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. STOBBE HAS STRESSED POINT THAT HE IS NOT CARRYING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGES TO WASHINGTON BUT SIMPLY IS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN

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INFORMED OF STOBBE'S VISIT.

4. BECAUSE THIS WILL BE STOBBE'S FIRST VISIT TO WASHINGTON SINCE BECOMING SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS (HE HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON BEFORE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN) AND BECAUSE HE IS AN UPCOMING POLITICIAN WHO CONSISTENTLY HAS GIVEN US SOLID SUPPORT, WE WOULD URGE STRONGLY THAT HE BE GIVEN ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. WARM RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD BE POLITICALLY HELPFUL FOR HIM IN BERLIN.

5. LETTER TO SUTTERLIN C/E FOLLOWS. KLEIN

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